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Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding the passing of Derry Hegarty:

"I was sad to hear that Jeremiah "Derry" Hegarty passed away on Wednesday, April 20.

"Derry was the classic American success story. An immigrant from Ireland, he worked hard at various jobs and eventually opened Derry's Irish Pub on Milwaukee's west side. He was a friend to all, and actively supported his church, the hospitality industry, the Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers, the greater Milwaukee community, many political figures and of course, all things Irish.

"My sympathies go out to his brother Joe and sister Margaret who both live in Milwaukee, his siblings who live in Ireland, to his extended family and many, many friends. I am proud to call him a friend, and raise a pint in his honor and memory."